

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, please amend the first paragraph after the title, as presented in section 11 of the Request for Filing National Phase of PCT Application Under 35 U.S.C. 371 and 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 dated October 17, 2000:

This application is the national phase of international application PCT/JP99/03146 filed June 14, 1999, which designates the U.S. and claims priority to Japanese Patent Application No. Hei 10-190815, filed July 6, 1998.